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This annotated bibliography lists approximately 190 interdenominational books; books of interest to a single denomination are not included. The list was selectively compiled to provide a basic collection of religious books that will serve as resources in 21 subject areas. The material has been checked over and approved by representatives of several diverse denominations. Each entry provides a book's availability, price, and publisher, and a brief annotation. Information included in these entries was checked with "Books in Print" at the time of publication. Some of the titles are marked with an asterisk, which indicates that they are felt to offer particularly important contributions to church libraries, and it is suggested that these titles be considered first in situations where limited funds are available for acquisitions. Major categories listed are: (1) Library Resources; (2) Bible Versions; (3) Bible Study; (4) Christian Faith and Doctrine; (5) Christian Living; (6) Prayer and Devotional Life; (7) Devotional Classics; (8) The Nature of the Church; (9) Christian Education; (10) Church History; (11) World Religions; (12) Christian Ethics; (13) Marriage and Family Life; (14) Aging; (15) Death and Dying; (16) Religious Psychology; (17) Religious Sociology; (18) Holidays; (19) Biography; (20) Children's Books (pre-school to elementary); and (21) Intermediate to Youth. (MAB)

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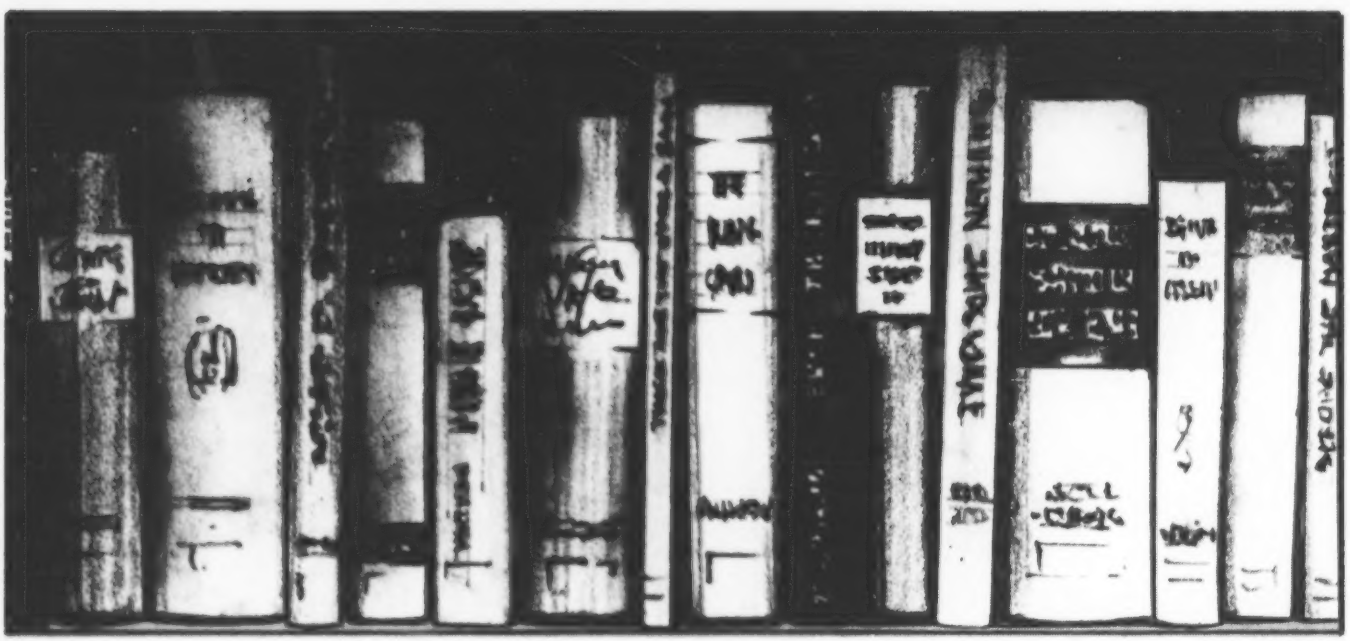

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INTRODUCTION

Any bibliography such as this, restricted to some 190 titles, must be incomplete in more than one direction. The interdenominational purpose has been considered in the choosing of titles; therefore, books of interest to a single denomination have been omitted.

This list has been selectively compiled to provide a solid basic collection of religious books which will serve as resource materials in the major categories listed.

You will find and asterisk (*) in front of some titles. These books are felt to be special in that they offer something very important to the church library. It is suggested that these titles be considered first where there might be limited funds.

The material compiled has been checked over and approved by representatives of several diverse denominations. Information (availability, price, etc.) was checked with *Books in Print* at the time of this publication. Responsibility cannot be accepted for subsequent changes. Titles may go out of print and others may have paperback editions available.

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LIBRARY RESOURCES

*CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY RESOURCES, compiled by Dorothy Rodda. Fifth Revised Edition. CSLA, 1992. pb. 5.95.

Provides a basic list of the resources currently available to help librarians and library committees in organizing and operating effective congregational libraries. Includes descriptions of other CSLA publications which will be helpful and are available to the church librarian.

INSIDE TWENTY-FIVE CLASSIC CHILDREN'S STORIES: DISCOVERING VALUES AT HOME OR IN SCHOOL, by Miriam J. Johnson. Paulist, 1986. $5.95.

Provides summaries and interpretations of stories along with "Conversation starters" at the end of each chapter to encourage adults and children to talk together about values and elements of faith.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN, by Virginia Coffin Thomas and Betty Davis Miller. John Knox, 1986. $11.95 pb.

An annotated resource for teaching, learning and worship. Parents and educators, as well as church librarians will find a wealth of information here.

TRAILING CLOUDS OF GLORY: SPIRITUAL VALUES IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS, by Madeleine L'Engle with Avery Brooke, anthologist. Westminster, 1985. $12.95.

This well-known author focuses her creative eye on literature for and about children. She brings together a host of characters and situations in great literature which appeal to young readers. The selections will lead the reader to a sharper sense of values and a renewed faith.

BIBLE VERSIONS

(Available in various editions)

*NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION (NRSV)

Recent translation reflecting up to date scholarship. Gender-language more accurately reflects intent of original writers.

*NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

A popular translation reflecting evangelical scholarship.

*HOLY BIBLE-KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

The authorized English version published in 1611, which has remained the most popular version right into modern times.

*GOOD NEWS BIBLE: THE BIBLE IN TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION (GNB)

The American Bible Society's translation by a team of scholars. It attempts to "set forth the biblical content and message in standard, everyday, natural form of English."

REVISED ENGLISH BIBLE (REB)

A translation from the original tongues by representatives of the major Protestant bodies of Great Britain.

NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE (NJB)

Originally published in France by a group of Catholic scholars.

THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MODERN ENGLISH, by J.B. Phillips.

A popular paraphrase of the New Testament which has become a modern classic.

THE LIVING BIBLE (LB)

A popular paraphrase rather than a translation. It has had wide acceptance in the English-speaking world.

BIBLE STUDY

THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE IN ENGLISH, by Frederick F. Bruce. Third edition. Oxford, 1978. $8.95 pb.

A comprehensive study of the various translations of the Bible into English. Traces the story from its beginnings to publication of the Good News Bible.

*THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOU, by Robert McAfee Brown. Westminster, 1985. $9.95 pb.

A lively, readable discussion of the origin, message and use of the Bible. Especially recommended for young people.

*EERDMANS' HANDBOOK TO THE BIBLE, edited by David and Pat Alexander. Revised edition. 1983. $29.95.

A significant Bible reference work containing information relevant to the reader who wants to increase his understanding. Good illustrations and reference material.

ABINGDON BIBILE HANDBOOK, by Edward P. Blair. Revised edition. 1982. $23.95 pb.

An informative resource guide to help the lay person and student to interpret the Bible for themselves. Contains illustrations, maps and suggested readings.

*THEOLOGICAL WORD BOOK OF THE BIBLE, edited by Alan Richardson. Macmillan, 1962. $8.95 pb.

230 articles bring scholarly resources to bear on the meaning of the key words of the Bible.

THE BIBLE AS HISTORY: A CONFIRMATION OF THE BOOK OF BOOKS, by Werner Keller. Revised edition. Translated by William Neil. Bantam, 1983. $5.95 pb.

Archaeolog and science adventure 4000 years into the past to document the actual events of the Bible.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS: 1947-1969, by Edmund Wilson. Oxford, 1969. $22.50.

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls constitutes the richest find of early biblical material to be made in recent history. Here is the story and implications of this discovery.

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF SCIENCE AND SCRIPTURE, by Bernard Ramm. Eerdmans, 1954. $9.95 pb.

A philosophical attempt to make science and Christianity compatible. Provides helpful commentary on biblical texts and discusses the modern sciences.

THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE, edited by George A. Buttrick. Abingdon, 1957. 12 volumes. $22.95 each ($260.00 set).

Contains comprehensive commentary, complete and lengthy introductions to each book, the AV and RSV texts, exegetical and expository notes and bibliography.

THE INTERPRETER'S DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE, edited by George A. Buttrick and Keith R. Crim. Abingdon, 1976. 5 volumes. $119.00.

By far the best and most comprehensive dictionary of the Bible in English. Written by eminent scholars. Provides definitive articles on every major doctrine and theological concept. Well illustrated. Helpful bibliographies. The fifth (supplementary) volume, published in 1976 gives up-to-date information on recent studies.

*NEW STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE OF THE BIBLE, Nelson, 1990. $28.95.

A classic reference since 1894, this new edition is the most complete concordance available today. It introduces the "Key Word Comparison" of selected words and phrases in the KJV with five leading modern translations: RSV, NEB, JB, NAS and NIV.

NEW TESTAMENT ILLUSTRATIONS, by Clifford M. Jones. Cambridge, 1966. $27.95 ($12.95 pb.)

Contains material to illustrate the background of the New Testament. There are photographs of places associated with the New Testament as well as reproductions of works of art.

*THE NEW WESTMINSTER DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE, edited by Henry S. Gehman. Westminster, 1982. Revised edition. $23.95.

An enlarged and completely revised edition of a standard reference volume which has met the test of time. It is up-to-date and will meet the needs of teachers, students and laypersons in most congregations.

*THE DAILY STUDY BIBLE, by William Barclay. Revised edition. Westminster, 1975. 17 volumes. $12.95 each ($7.95 softcover) ($221.00 set, $135.95 pb.)

Excellent for serious study of the New Testament for both individuals and groups. Volumes have the added feature of devotional commentary, making the passages relevant to today.

UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT, by Bernhard W. Anderson. Fourth edition. Prentice-Hall, 1986. $37.00.

Gives and excellent general introduction to the literature and faith of the Old Testament.

OLD TESTAMENT ILLUSTRATIONS, by Clifford M. Jones. Cambridge, 1971. $13.95 pb.

Provides an illustrated background study of the Old Testament.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT, by Howard Clark Kee. Fourth edition. Prentice-Hall, 1983. $37.00.

A story of the emerging Christian community and the writings which were developed with its growth.

A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS for students, according to texts of the Revised Standard Version, by Ralph D. Heim. Fortress, 1974. $9.95.

A helpful volume for serious study. Gives a parallel comparison of the four Gospels based on the RSV.

INTERPRETING THE PARABLES, by Archibald M. Hunter. Westminster, 1976. $7.95.

A thoughtful survey of some sixty parables with suggestions for interpreting them today.

*THE DICTIONARY OF BIBLE & RELIGION, William H. Gentz, general editor. Abingdon, 1986. $26.95.

An ecumenically oriented dictionary of the Bible plus authoritative coverage of historical and contemporary religion. Articles are balanced, inclusive and objective. Designed for both laypersons and clergy.

CHRISTIAN FAITH AND DOCTRINE

*YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL, by J.B. Phillips. Walker, large print, 1989. $9.95 pb.

A fresh approach to biblical teaching about God. Examines current ideas about God which are inadequate and misleading.

THE JOYFUL CHRISTIAN, by C.S. Lewis. Macmillan, 1977. $12.95 ($7.95 pb.)

Here are over 100 selections from 15 works of one of the most popular of modern Christian theologians. Thematically arranged and devotionally styled, they sum up what Lewis "joyfully" believed.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Second edition. Macmillan, 1963. $5.95 pb (1983. $17.00)

Discusses the Sermon on the Mount, interprets what is meant by the life of discipleship, and explains what the Grace of Christ really means. Stresses the fact that true discipleship means following Christ into the world to minister and show His love to it.

UNDERSTANDING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, by Georgia Harkness. Abingdon, 1981. $1.95 pb.

The Christian way of faith and life is explained in simple terms for the average reader.

*BASIC CHRISTIANITY, by John R.W. Stott. Eerdmans, 1957. $3.95 pb.

Written for persons who are thoughtfully inquiring into the truth and application of Christianity.

*THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF JESUS CHRIST, by James S. Stewart. Abingdon, 1982. $3.95 pb.

A devotional approach to the Gospel's message concerning the ministry of Jesus Christ. Contains discussion questions, suitable for group or individual use.

*MERE CHRISTIANITY, by C.S. Lewis. Macmillan, 1964. $12.95 ($3.95 pb.).

Based on a series of radio messages delivered by C.S. Lewis in Britain during World War II, this has become a classic explanation of what the Christian faith is all about.

THE WHIMSICAL CHRISTIAN, by Dorothy L. Sayers. Macmillan, 1987. $7.95 pb.

First published in 1969 as *Christian Letters to a Post-Christian World*, this collection of 18 essays describes eloquently what Christianity is. The author brings age-old doctrines to life, showing how Bible, history, literature and modern science have flowed together to make religion necessary in our time.

THE WILL OF GOD, by Leslie D. Weatherhead. Abingdon, 1976. $2.95 pb. (large type ed. $6.95 pb.).

A clear and easy-to-understand interpretation of the will of God.

THE QUOTABLE LEWIS, edited by Wayne Martindale and Jerry Root. Tyndale, 1989. $19.95.

An encyclopedic selection of quotes compiled from the complete published works of C.S. Lewis.

THE MIND OF JESUS, by William Barclay. Harper & Row, 1976. $9.95 pb.

A portrayal of the inner life of Jesus which will help the reader to come to a new understanding of the phrase "Jesus Christ is Lord."

A LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO PROTESTANT THEOLOGY, by William E. Hordern. Macmillan, 1968. Revised edition. $5.95 pb.

Explains in non-technical language the various trends and movements in modern Protestant theology – includes Barth, Brunner, Neibuhr and Tillich.

THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT, by William Barclay. Westminster, 1978. $6.95 pb.

A brief, well-written study of the Holy Spirit.

THE FOUR LOVES, by C.S. Lewis. HarBraceJ, 1971. $4.95 pb.
In his own inimitable way, Lewis discourses on the four basic kinds of human love—affection, friendship, erotic love and the love of God.

THE VISIONARY CHRISTIAN: 131 READINGS FROM C.S. LEWIS, selected and edited by Chad Walsh. Macmillan, 1984. $7.95 pb.

A collection from Lewis's fiction and poetry, all illustrating Christian ideas, showing us a Christianity alive with promise.

THE CASE FOR CHRISTIANITY, by Colin Chapman. Eerdmans, 1984. $13.95 pb.

Addresses basic human questions and provides information that will help believers understand how Christianity provides the key to the meaning of life. Attractive illustrations and format in handbook style.

AND THEN COMES THE END, by David Ewert. Herald, 1980. $7.95 pb.

A basic and thorough discussion of the "blessed hope" of the Christian church as is revealed in the New Testament.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

THE MARTYRED CHRISTIAN: 160 READINGS FROM DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, selected and edited by Joan Winmill Brown. Macmillan, 1985. $6.95 pb.

An excellent introduction to the writings of the courageous young German theologian who was executed by the Nazis. His teachings about Christian "discipleship" and "grace" have become recognized as classic.

*LIFE TOGETHER, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Harper & Row, 1976. $7.95 pb.

Bonhoeffer's experiences of Christian community in a group of fugitives from the Nazis are translated into the meaning of Christian fellowship under "normal" circumstances.

THE WHOLE PERSON IN A BROKEN WORLD, by Paul Tournier. Harper & Row, 1981. $6.95 pb.

The renowned Swiss physician diagnoses the symptoms of modern man's sickness, and prescribes the only message of help and healing–the Gospel.

THE NEWBORN CHRISTIAN, by J.B. Phillips. Macmillan, 1984. $5.95 pb.

This outstanding anthology of 114 selections will help recover the vital newborn feeling of Christianity's first century by using as model and inspiration the birth, life and death of Jesus himself.

A LISTENING EAR: REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTIAN CARING, by Paul Tournier. Augsburg, 1986. $8.95 pb.

A distillation of the thinking of Tournier, focusing on Christian caring.

*TO MY PEOPLE WITH LOVE: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR TODAY, by John Killinger. Abingdon, 1989. $6.95 pb.

In a very readable style, the author presents insights on each of the Commandments making them applicable to modern living. Using a similar style, Killinger has written an excellent study of the Apostles' Creed entitled *You Are What You Believe: The Apostles' Creed for Today.*(Abingdon, 1990. $6.95 pb.).

THE IRRATIONAL SEASON, by Madeleine L'Engle. Harper, 1977. $12.95 ($7.95 pb.).

Here is a gifted woman's journey through the seasons of the year–and the heart–to the fullness of Christian life. Much of the contents is based on the Beatitudes.

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE

PRAYER, by Ole Christian Hallesby. Augsburg, 1959. $4.95 pb.

An excellent study on the doctrine of prayer, with an analysis of its difficulties, misuses and varying forms. Practical and devotional.

REACHING OUT: THE THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, by Henri J. M. Nouwen. Doubleday, 1986. $7.95 pb.

A leading spiritual writer lays out an incomparable plan for living a life in and with the Spirit and achieving the ultimate goal of that life: union with God.

*PRAYERS, by Michel Quoist. Sheed & Ward, 1985. $7.95 pb.

A rare collection of prayers, reflecting the author's concerns, his outlook on reality, and his own deeply Christian spirituality.

*PRAYER AND PERSONAL RELIGION, by John B. Coburn. Walker & Co., 1985. $8.95 pb.

A guide both to the understanding and the practice of prayer and an explanation of its relation to personal religious growth.

THE GOD NAMED HALLOWED, by John Killinger. Abingdon, 1988. $6.95 pb.

In clear and lively style, an outstanding preacher focuses on each phrase of the Lord's Prayer, giving new insights into this important old prayer.

THE NEW BOOK OF CHRISTIAN PRAYERS, edited by Tony Castle. Crossroad, 1986. $18.95.

Over 1000 prayers–new and classic–from a wide range of writers. Useful for personal devotions and especially helpful as a reference source for most all occasions. Arranged thematically with two indexes.

A GATHERING OF HOPE, by Helen Hayes. Walker, 1989. large type ed. $7.95.

The distinguished actress here shares the special words–poems, prayers, psalms, and lyrics–which have been sources of comfort and consolation, for hope and inspiration in her life.

DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS

(Most are available in various editions)

A DIARY OF PRIVATE PRAYER, by John Baillie. Macmillan, 1979. $3.95 pb. (large type ed., Walker $8.95 pb.).

Possibly the most praiseworthy book of devotions of modern times.

THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD, by Henry Drummond.

The classic exposition of the great "love chapter," I Corinthians 13.

PRAYER, THE MIGHTIEST FORCE IN THE WORLD, by Frank C. Laubach.

A popular book on prayer, first published in 1946, by one of the great missionaries of our time.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS, by John Bunyan.

Part 1. Published in 1678, is an allegory of man's lonely spiritual journey through life to the Celestial City. Part II, published 6 years later, recounts the subsequent journey of Christian's wife and sons. The work is considered a mirror of the spiritual awakening known as Puritanism.

THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD, by Brother Lawrence.

A memoir of the 17th century lay monk known as Brother Lawrence, who believed that God could be known and served in every aspect of life.

A TESTAMENT OF DEVOTION, by Thomas R. Kelly. Harper & Row, 1941. $12.45. (large type ed., Walker, $9.95.).

A great, modern-day Christian writes of triumphant living through suffering.

THE CHRISTIAN'S SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE, by Hannah W. Smith. Revell, 1968. $8.95 ($3.50 pb.).

A 19th century Quaker describes what it means to her to live the Christian life moment-by-moment.

*THREE TITLES BY Harry Emerson Fosdick:
THE MEANING OF PRAYER (Abingdon, 1982. $2.95 pb.)
THE MEANING OF FAITH (Abingdon, 1982. $3.95 pb.)
THE MEANING OF SERVICE (Abingdon, 1983. $4.35 pb.)

Back in print again, these books have proved valuable for many years. Arranged for daily reading and reflection, they can be used in a variety of ways for individual or group study. Thought and discussion questions appear at the end of each chapter.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

*THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHURCH, by Robert McAfee Brown, Westminster, 1956. $2.45 pb.

An introduction to a vital understanding of the Church. Explains the origin of the Church and what it must do to remain faithful to Christ.

THE COMPANY OF THE COMMITTED, by Elton Trueblood. Harper & Row, 1980. $8.95 pb.

This "ecumenical" Quaker describes what it really means to be a church, according to his understanding of biblical principles.

NEW LIFE IN THE CHURCH, by Robert A. Raines. Revised edition. Harper, 1980. $4.95 pb.

A thoughtful discussion of the church's mission: conversion. The author covers all aspects and results of conversion within the church, leading to changed lives and an emerging lay ministry.

*THE NEW WESTMINSTER DICTIONARY OF LITURGY AND WORSHIP, edited by J. G. Davies. Westminster, 1986. $29.95.

Describes forms of worship and their traditions for all the major world religions. It will be helpful to teachers, students and ministers to increase one's understanding of contemporary worship and liturgy.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*THE OFFICIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S HANDBOOK, by Joanne Owens. Meriwether, 1987. $7.95 pb.

Subtitled "How to succeed in Sunday School by trying just a little bit harder," this witty, how-to manual will delight and help any teacher.

EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN (Birth-6 years), by Wesley Haystead. Regal, 1989. $6.95 pb.
EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT TEACHING CHILDREN (Grades 1-6), by Bolton, Smith & Haystead. Regal, 1987. $6.95 pb.

Both part of a Creative Bible-Learning Series designed for both the new and experienced teacher, these two handbooks give fresh insights and practical plans for effective teaching. Also helpful for adults at home and school.

HELP: I'M A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, by Mary Duckert. Westminster, 1969. $3.95 pb.

A practical guide that can turn teacher panic into resultful planning, qualms into quality teaching. Both new and experienced teachers will find this book valuable.

*CLUES TO CREATIVITY, by M. Franklin and Maryann J. Dotts. Friendship, 3 volume paperback, 1974-75-76. $4.95 each volume.

A series (designed for busy parents and teachers) on learning and the creative arts. Suggested activities are listed alphabetically and are clearly and thoroughly described.

SEASONS AND SYMBOLS, by Robert Wetzler and Helen Huntington. Augsburg Fortress, 1962. $7.95 pb.

An illustrated handbook of the church year, with background and complete descriptions of symbols for each season.

THE BASIC ENCYCLOPEDIA FOR YOUTH MINISTRY, by Dennis C. Benson and Bill Wolfe. Group Books, 1981. $16.95.

An easy-to-use smorgasbord of ideas and inspiration to give guidance through all areas of youth ministry. An excellent resource guide for youth directors and lay workers.

CHURCH HISTORY

*A HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, by Williston Walker. Ed. by Robert T. Handy. Fourth edition. Scribner, 1985. $35.00.

This scholarly church history remains one of the most authoritative texts in its field. First edition published in 1918.

*THE CHURCH OF OUR FATHERS, by Roland H. Bainton. Scribner, 1978. $6.95 pb.

An unsurpassed illustrated history of the Church for teenagers.

EERDMANS' HANDBOOK TO THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY, by Tim Dowley, organizing editor. Eerdmans, 1977. $29.95.

A comprehensive, colorful, and reliable account of the story of the Christian faith from its earliest days. Hundreds of color photographs, maps, charts and diagrams supplement the text.

A RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, by Sydney E. Ahlstrom. Yale University, 1972. $60.00 ($24.95 pb.).

Widely regarded as the finest one-volume survey of American religion. Covers everything from the first European settlements to the turbulence of the 1960's.

*HANDBOOK OF DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, by Frank S. Mead. Ninth edition. Abingdon, 1991. $13.95.

Contains brief historical sketches of religious denominations in the United States, listing their principal doctrines and relations to the other denominations.

WITNESS TO THE HOLOCAUST, edited by Azriel Eisenberg. Pilgrim, 1981. $12.95 pb.

Here are 100 spellbinding eyewitness accounts of a brutal period in history. It is a monumental collection of writings by people, both Jew and Christian, who suffered under Hitler.

THE REFORMATION OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY, by Roland H. Bainton. Enlarged edition. Beacon, 1985. $10.95pb.

This new edition of a classic by the long-time Yale professor presents the many strands that make up the Reformation in a single, brilliantly coherent account. Contains a new forward and bibliography by Jaroslav Pelikan.

WORLD RELIGIONS

RELIGIONS OF AMERICA, edited by Leo Rosten. Simon & Schuster, 1975. $16.95 pb.

A guide to American churches and religious groups which includes self-descriptions of their beliefs as well as charts and statistics on church-related topics.

JEWS, GOD AND HISTORY, by Max Dimont. New American Library, 1972. $5.95 pb.

Records the way the Jews have survived through 4000 years, explaining many things which non-Jews often find baffling.

A DICTIONARY OF NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS, by Geoffrey Parrinder. Dufour. $25.00.

A unique encyclopedia of information covering the whole field of the religions of the world, from the current major ones to those of the ancient world.

*ABINGDON DICTIONARY OF LIVING RELIGIONS, edited by Keith R. Crim. Abingdon, 1981. $17.95.

Offers factual information about living religions and articles on related subjects such as anthropology, history and sociology.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

ETHICS, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Ed. by Eberhard Bethge. Macmillan, 1965. $5.95 pb.

Proceeding from a Christocentric position, the author evaluates personal and social ethics which are vital to our present day.

ETHICS IN A CHRISTIAN CONTEXT, by Paul L. Lehmann. Harper & Row, 1976. $4.95 pb.

A comprehensive volume relating the broad subject of ethics to the Christian faith.

SITUATION ETHICS: THE NEW MORALITY, by Joseph Fletcher. Westminster, 1966. $9.95 pb.

A controversial book in which the author derives a new ethic that is based on "agape" which provides the answers, defines the ends, and justifies the means.

THE SUNFLOWER, by Simon Wiesenthal. Schocken Books, 1977. $7.95 pb.

A deeply moving, thought-provoking book, which goes to the heart of a moral issue relating to the holocaust. A story is told and then a symposium of eminent persons express their opinions on the moral issue posed.

*MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH, by John B. Cobb, Jr. Westminster/JK, 1991. $9.95 pb.

A highly respected theologian addresses several of the most controversial issues troubling the church today. Using a bio-ethical approach, he tackles 4 issues: environmental concerns and animal rights, euthanasia, abortion and sexuality outside of marriage.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

GETTING READY FOR MARRIAGE, by David R. Mace. Abingdon, 1985. $5.95 pb.

The author encourages couples to evaluate themselves, each other, and their relationship before they marry.

* IF WE WERE STARTING OUR MARRIAGE AGAIN, by John and Betty Drescher. Abingdon, 1985. $6.50 pb.

A treasury of wisdom for married people and those about to become so. Here is sound, friendly, practical advice that can make marriage a joyful success. Helpful bibliography.

THE MISSING LINK: BUILDING QUALITY TIME WITH TEENS, by Stephen Allen Shechtman and Mark J. Singer. Abingdon, 1985. $7.95.

Family time spent together should be "quality time," doing activities of mutual interest, says this author. Problems of both parents and teens and methods for improving interaction are discussed. A helpful bibliography is included.

*TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, by Paul Tournier. John Knox, 1967. $7.95.

A well-balanced, provocative discussion of the problems encountered by husbands and wives, their need for self-expression, and the ways in which each can be better understood.

THE DIVORCING CHRISTIAN, by Lewis R Rambo. Abingdon, 1983. $5.95 pb.

Deals with divorce–the guilt and pain plus the process of finding a future beyond. The author presents a unique description of the church as a haven for hurting persons and a community of love and support.

FAMILY FAITH STORIES, by Ann Weems. Westminster, 1985. $9.95 pb.

An inspiring collection of "faith statements" in the form of family stories, many from the author's own life. Poems highlight each chapter along with the story, making them suitable for devotional reading.

*IF I WERE STARTING MY FAMILY AGAIN, by John M. Drescher. Abingdon, 1979. $2.95 pb.

A moving little book full of practical advice for fathers (and mothers too). Reestablishes the importance of common courtesy, respect, sentiment, and thoughtfulness in family life.

*LEARNING ABOUT SEX: A Series for the Christian Family (Concordia)

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LOVE, SEX AND GOD, by Bill Ameiss and Jane Graver. Ages 14 and up.
HOW TO TALK CONFIDENTLY WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT SEX (Parent Guide), by Lenore Buth. For adults.

AGING

*LEARN TO GROW OLD, by Paul tournier. Harper & Row, 1983. $8.95. pb.

Discusses the hardships, financial difficulties, and excess leisure problems of retirement, and counsels early preparation for this time of life.

MINISTRY WITH THE AGING: DESIGNS, CHALLENGES, FOUNDATIONS, edited by William M Clements. Harper, 1981. $9.95 pb.

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ON GROWING OLDER: A PERSONAL GUIDE TO LIFE AFTER 35, by Eugene C. Bianchi. Crossroad, 1985. $9.95 pb.

A book of 24 reflections aimed at deepening one's experience with the aging process. The author explores crucial issues encountered by every aging individual.

VINTAGE YEARS, by William E. Hulme. Westminster, 1986. $8.95 pb.

Examines problems faced by older citizens. The author emphasizes that quality aging can begin wherever one is in life. He challenges the reader to discover how each person can add more meaning to life.

MATURE FAITH, by Glenn H. Asquith. Herald, 1984. $6.95 pb.

All of his life, the author has studied, taught, meditated upon the meaning of Christian faith. Approaching 80 years, he offers a distillation of his convictions, which seem to him to be the essentials as journey's end comes nearer.

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*ON DEATH AND DYING, by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. Macmillan, 1970. $14.95 ($5.95 pb.).

A book of real help to persons who must cope with the death and dying of loved ones.

LIFE BEGINS AT DEATH, by Leslie D. Weatherhead. Abingdon, 1981. $2.25 pb.

Gives reasonable answers to questions about life after death.

*A GRIEF OBSERVED, by C. S. Lewis. Harper, 1963. $6.95.

Writing shortly after his wife's death, Lewis examines his own grief, continuing doubts, awareness of human frailty, and faith.

TALKING ABOUT DEATH–A DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD, by Earl A. Grollman. Third ed. Beacon, 1990. $6.95.

Gives an honest and sympathetic approach in explaining death to children. Includes a helpful parent's guide and a fully annotated list of resources for children and adults.

THE BEREAVED PARENT, by Harriet Sarnoff Schiff. Penguin, 1978. $6.95 pb.

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YOUR PARTICULAR GRIEF, by Wayne E. Oates. Westminster, 1981. $7.95 pb.

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TURN AGAIN TO LIFE, by Abraham Schmitt. Herald, 1987. $8.95 pb.

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LIVING WITH AN EMPTY CHAIR: A GUIDE THROUGH GRIEF, by Roberta Temes. Irvington Publishers, 1984. $12.95.

Offers a moving and humane approach to coping with the painful realities of a loved one's death. Topics covered are: Death as a Normal Life Crisis; Stages of Grief; Children and Grief; Bereavement Counseling; Suicide; and an extensive list of resource materials.

SUICIDE: PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, POSTVENTION, by Earl A. Grollman. Second Edition. Beacon, 1988. $8.95 pb.

The classic guide to understanding and coping with suicide. Provides information on suicide statistics, contains a discussion of euthanasia and living wills, and lists crisis centers around the U. S.

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THE ART OF LOVING, by Erich Fromm. Harper & Row, 1989. $7.95 pb.

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THE FRIENDSHIP FACTOR: HOW TO GET CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE YOU CARE FOR, by Alan L. McGinnis. Augsburg, 1979. $5.95 pb.

A skillful exposition of the aspects of friendship.

THE HOSPITAL HANDBOOK: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HOSPITAL VISITATION, by Lawrence Reimer and James Wagner. Morehouse Barlow, 1988. $9.95 pb.

Provides valuable bits of practical information and suggestions for pastors and laypersons who visit in hospitals.

CARING AND COMMITMENT: LEARNING TO LIVE THE LOVE WE PROMISE, by Lewis B. Smedes. Harper, 1988. $14.95.

This companion volume to *Forgive and Forget: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve*, contains guidelines for considering and making commitments based on solid moral values.

OVERCOMING DEPRESSION (1972). $5.95 pb.
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All by Paul A. Hauck (Westminster/JK). Four titles which give simple and practical techniques for helping oneself and others. Written in a free and easy, thoroughly readable style, by a professional psychotherapist who had developed the techniques in his private practice.

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MAKING SENSE OUT OF SUFFERING, by Peter Kreeft. Servant, 1986. $6.95 pb.

Attempts to make sense out of suffering, as C.S. Lewis has called "the problem of pain." Offers "clues" to the riddle that is posed by every agonized asking of "but why should he/she/they/I suffer?"

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NO EASY ANSWERS: CHRISTIANS DEBATE NUCLEAR ARMS, by Robert L. Spaeth. Harper, 1983. $5.95 pb.

A well-balanced approach to the nuclear debate that will enlighten and present opposing arguments, and provide discussion material to encourage responsible thinking. Contains an extensive bibliography for further reading.

ALL WE'RE MEANT TO BE: BIBLICAL FEMINISM FOR TODAY, by Letha D. Scanzoni and Nancy A. Hardesty. Abingdon. $12.95.

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THE PEACEMAKER, by Myron S. Augsburger. Abingdon, 1987. $9.95 pb.

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IS THE HOMOSEXUAL MY NEIGHBOR?, by Letha Scanzoni and Viginia Mollenkott. Harper & Row, 1980. $8.95 pb.

Two evangelical Christian wives and mothers present what they call "another Christian view" of homosexuality. This is a reasoned, compassionate treatment of the subject for congregations ready to face this social issue in an open, caring manner.

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RICH CHRISTIANS IN AN AGE OF HUNGER, A BIBLICAL APPROACH, by Ronald J. Sider. Word, 1990. $10.99 pb.

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HER STORY: WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN TRADITION, by Barbara J. MacHaffie. Fortress, 1986. $10.95 pb.

A brief, readable introduction to the status of women in Christian history from Bible times to the present. Contains an extensive bibliography of resources for further reading.

A TESTAMENT OF HOPE: THE ESSENTIAL WRITINGS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., edited by James M. Washington. Harper, 1986. $24.95.

This anthology represents the essence of the thinking of Martin Luther King Jr. Essays, sermons, interviews, speeches, etc. make up this collection.

CRY JUSTICE: THE BIBLE ON HUNGER AND POVERTY, edited by Ronald J. Sider. Paulist, 1980. $3.95 pb.

Brings together biblical texts pertaining to hunger, justice and the poor. We are reminded of the concern which God has for the hungry and oppressed, and how we are called to live out that concern in our own lives. Contains reflection questions for each topic, and is appropriate for study groups.

*AIDS AND THE CHURCH, by Earl E. Shelp and Ronald Sunderland. Westminster, 1987. $9.95 pb.

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WORRIED ABOUT CRIME?, by Kit Kuperstock. Herald, 1985. $7.95 pb.

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HOLLY, REINDEER, AND COLORED LIGHTS: THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS, by Edna Barth. HM, 1979. $13.95 ($4.95 pb.).

Tells the stories relating to the various Christmas symbols, many of them going back to the first Christmas and before. A companion volume relating to Easter is entitled *Lilies, Rabbits and Painted Eggs.*

*ANGELS AND OTHER STRANGERS: FAMILY CHRISTMAS STORIES, by Katherine Paterson. Crowell, 1979. $12.95 ($3.50 pb.).

The true essence of Christmas will take on new meaning in these nine short stories. With love, humor and compassion, the author illuminates familiar problems of modern-day life in unexpected ways.

*THE THANKSGIVING VISITOR, by Truman Capote. Random, 1968. $19.95.

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Two holiday stories which have become classic family reading.

CELEBRATION: THE BOOK OF JEWISH FESTIVALS. Dutton, 1987. $24.95.

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WHY NOT CELEBRATE!, by Sara Wenger Shenk. Good Books, 1987. $9.95 pb.

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HERE I STAND, by Roland H. Bainton. Peter Smith, $15.25. Abingdon, 1978. ($4.95 pb.).

A classic biography of Martin Luther written by an outstanding historian of the Reformation period.

*ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A SPIRITUAL BIOGRAPHY, by Elton Trueblood. Walker, 1989. Large type edition. $14.95 pb.

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C.S. LEWIS: A BIOGRAPHY, by A. N. Wilson. Norton, 1990. $22.50.

A readable biography of Lewis presenting the real man and his enduring legacy. Here is the man who has thrilled, inspired and comforted so many readers.

HOSTAGE BOUND, HOSTAGE FREE, by Ben and Carol Weir. Westminster, 1987. $12.95.

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*ALL OF THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE, by Edith Deen. Harper & Row, 1955. $19.45 ($10.95 pb.).

A wealth of interesting biographical information about every woman mentioned in the Bible.

*SURPRISED BY JOY: THE SHAPE OF MY EARLY LIFE, by C.S. Lewis. HarBrace J, 1956. $14.95 ($5.95 pb.).

Describes Lewis' search for joy in childhood and adulthood until he found it in Christ.

FOUR MODERN PROPHETS, by William M. Ramsey. John Knox, 1986. $7.95 pb.

Explores briefly the lives and thoughts of four twentieth century Christian leaders who epitomize the struggle for freedom and justice in the social gospel, civil rights, liberation theology and feminism. They are Walter Rauschenbusch, Martin Luther King Jr., Gustavo Gutierrez, and Rosemary Radford Ruether.

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MINISTER/MAYOR, by William H. Hudnut III with Judy Keene. Westminster, 1987. $12.95.

Reflections on a dual career in religion and politics. Exhibits a rare combination of concerns and commitments, written by a minister become mayor in Indianapolis.

*A MAN CALLED PETER, by Catherine Marshall. Avon, 1971. $4.95 pb.

A popular biography of an inspired preacher. Peter Marshall.

*THE MASTER'S MEN, by William Barclay. Abingdon, 1976. $3.25 pb. (Walker, 1985. Large type ed. $8.95 pb.).

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BROTHERS: A HEBREW LEGEND, retold by Florence B. Freedman. Harper, 1985. $11.95.

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THE GIVING TREE, by Shel Silverstein. Harper & Row, 1964. $10.95.

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THE MAGIC MOTH, by Virginia Lee. HMCo, 1979, $11.95.

A direct, honest, unsentimental story about death which will move a wide range of young people. For ages 9-13 years.

*WESTMINSTER CONCISE BIBLE DICTIONARY, by Barbara Smith. Westminster, 1981. $7.95 pb.

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SHEILA'S DYING, by Alden R. Carter. Putnam, 1988. $13.95.

A very readable story showing how young adults deal with death and dying. For ages 12 and up.

*SEX, LOVE, OR INFATUATION: HOW CAN I REALLY KNOW?, by Ray E. Short. Rev. & Expanded Edition. Augsburg, 1990. $4.95 pb.

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HOW IT FEELS WHEN PARENTS DIVORCE, by Jill Krementz. Knopf, 1984. $12.95.

Boys and girls, ages 7 to 16, share their candid feelings about their parents' divorce. They reveal a wide range of emotional responses and tell what they think are special responsibilities of divorcing parents. Two other titles in the series, *How it Feels When A Parent Dies* and *How It Feels To Be Adopted* have been hailed by educators and clergypeople.

A CHILD'S LOOK AT THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM, by W. Phillip Keller. Doubleday, 1985. $7.95.

Intermingling spiritual insights with the lore of sheep, the author demonstrates how Jesus is truly the Good Shepherd. Presents excellent commentary on the 23rd Psalm, especially for young people.

SEXUAL ABUSE: LET'S TALK ABOUT IT, by Margaret O. Hyde. Revised edition. Westminster, 1987. $8.95.

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